

Armed Forces

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God, Preserver Of Man, Topic For Next Sunday

The nature of God to preserve and care for man both by example and by promise is brought out in the Lesson-Sermon "God the Preserver of Man" in all Christian Science churches Sunday.

Examples of historical significance and inspiring experiences of Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and Christ Jesus will be related in the Scriptural selections. In Genesis (22:2, 9, 11, 12, 18) God, tempting Abraham said, "Take now thy son, thine only son Issac, whom thou lovest . . . and offer him for

a burnt offering upon one of the mountains . . . and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Issac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood . . . And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: . . . Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God. . . . And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast

obeyed my voice." Speaking of Abraham, Mary Baker Eddy says in the "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures": "This patriarch illustrated the purpose of Love to create trust in good, and showed the life-preserving power of spiritual understanding" (p. 579).

This affirmation of Paul in his letter to the Ephesians (2:8) is the Golden Text. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

Abilities of Blind Shown Local Lions

The amazing abilities of the blind was the subject of a program to be given before the Torrance Lions Club, at the Palms, Tuesday.

J. Milton Johnson, former president of the Hollywood Lions Club, representing Braille Institute, free service center for the blind of the greater Los Angeles area, presented a sound film "On The Go" which shows the training being given which helps people enjoy active and useful living.

Five Tetanus Cases, Two Fatal, Point Up Need for Immunization

By Roy O. Gilbert, M.D., County Health Officer. During the month of May, five cases of tetanus were confined in Los Angeles General Hospital. Two of these people died; two were seriously ill for many days; and the remaining case, a teen-age boy, recovered quite rapidly. This boy had been immunized as a child but he had not been given a booster immunization for some seven or eight years. Each of these cases could

have been prevented through a series of immunizations including periodic booster shot

TETANUS IS a serious disease caused by a germ which produces a poison as it grows in deep wounds. The most common symptom is a painful spasm of the jaw muscle which accounts for the common name of "lockjaw."

The germ which causes tetanus lives in the intestines of grass eating animals, particularly horses and cattle. This accounts for the heavy distribution of the infection in and around stables and farmyards. The use of animal wastes for fertilizer has spread the germ far and wide in a somewhat less concentrated distribution.

HUMAN INFECTION appears to be most likely as a result of deep wounds which allow the germs to grow in the absence of air. For example, a puncture wound such as occurs from a gunshot or from stepping on a nail, is more likely to be followed by tetanus than is a surface abrasion.

The first symptoms of tetanus usually appear from 4 days to 3 weeks after the infection enters the wound. The most common early symptoms are stiffness of the neck muscles and painful spasms (contractions) of the jaw muscles. Later in the disease, spasms of other muscles of the body may occur. The patient may be thrown into violent convulsions by any noise or by the slightest jarring.

BECAUSE OF the wide adoption of immunization for children with DPT (diphtheria, Pertussis, tetanus), and introduction of new drugs for treatment of the disease, the death rate from tetanus has shown a gradual decline. Delay in the recognition of tetanus and in applying treatment greatly decreases the chance for recovery. Most of the deaths occur before the fourth day.

It is essential that persons living in areas, or engaged in occupations, where there is a special risk of tetanus be actively immunized against the disease. Immunization usually requires two to three injections of tetanus toxoid followed by another dose 1 year later and repeated single dose about every 5 years. Immunization also requires that another dose be given whenever a wound occurs which might be infected with tetanus.

PUNCTURED or torn wounds especially those which are soiled by dirt or which have bits of clothing or other contaminated matter forced into them, require special attention by a physician.

Persons who have not been actively immunized and who have wounds which are likely to be infected with tetanus must have a prophylactic (preventive) injection of anti-tetanus serum. A physician should determine when and if this treatment is necessary.

PERSONS who develop symptoms of tetanus must have large doses of anti-tetanus serum as soon as possible after symptoms appear.

All children should be immunized in infancy and should have booster doses from time to time.

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